



## News

University News & Information

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California



April 1, 2011

Contact: Jon York

805-756-5188; [jlyork@calpoly.edu](mailto:jlyork@calpoly.edu)

# Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Explores Clean Technology at April 14 Forum

*Experts in green building, lighting, renewable energy and clean-tech  
venture funding will  
gather for an evening of education, discovery and networking*

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship invites students, faculty, alumni and the community to join some of the most innovative minds in the industry at the upcoming Entrepreneurship Forum "Clean Tech: Innovation in the Built Environment" at 5 p.m. April 14 at the Cal Poly Tech Park.

A panel of experts in various clean tech fields will discuss their experiences in this ever-expanding sector and their passion for sustainable technologies. Panelists include Gary Dillabough, a Cal Poly alum and managing partner with The Westly Group; Cal Poly alum Eric Horn, co-founder of The Build Group; Angiolo Laviziano, CEO of San Luis Obispo-based REC Solar; and Don Peifer, founder and chief innovation officer of Lunera Lighting. Architect, entrepreneur and sustainability expert and pioneer John Picard of John Picard & Associates will also join the panel.

"It's not just saving the planet, it's the next new economy," Picard said. "In nature, there is no waste. So in the next economy, the next Industrial Revolution, the gain is going to go to the companies that mimic nature. They will be the most profitable companies."

The April 14 Entrepreneurship Forum is the fourth in the series of events hosted by the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Each forum provides the opportunity to meet student entrepreneurs and learn about their projects, network with local and national innovators and business people and hear more about the center's activities. Refreshments are served.

The event is sponsored by Sinsheimer Juhnke Lebens & McIvor, LLP.

For more information or to register for the event, visit [www.entrepreneur.calpoly.edu](http://www.entrepreneur.calpoly.edu) .

#### About The Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The center opens the world of entrepreneurial opportunity to Cal Poly students and faculty members and promotes entrepreneurial activity, scholarship and dialogue across the university and throughout greater San Luis Obispo County.

# # #

---

[CP Home](#) • [CP Find It](#) • [Get Adobe Reader](#) • [Help Accessing Public Affairs Web Content](#)

[Cal Poly News Web](#) • [Cal Poly Magazine](#) • [Cal Poly Update](#)  
[E-newsletter](#)

[Giving to Cal Poly](#)

Public Affairs Office  
California Polytechnic State University  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407  
[polynews \[at\] calpoly.edu](mailto:polynews[at]calpoly.edu)